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SUBJECT: BILATERAL BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND EC COMMISSIONER
SOAMES

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REMARKS MADE TO JOURNALISTS FOLLOWING
BREAKFAST MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY AND EC COMMISSIONER SIR
CHRISTOPHER SOAMES IN BRUSSELS DEC 8.
BEGIN QUOTE:

THE SECRETARY:

SINCE WE ARE BOTH RETIRING FROM PUBLIC LIFE WE HAD A GOOD
REVIEW PHILOSOPHICALLY.

COMMISSIONER SOAMES:

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF. (LAUGHTER)

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THE SECRETARY:

I MEAN RETIRING FROM OUR PRESENT POSITIONS. (LAUGHTER).
WE HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW THE STATE OF EUROPEAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS
AND REALLY HOW WE CAN STRENGTHEN THEM AND EUROPEAN UNITY,
WHICH OF COURSE THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY SUPPORTS AND WHICH
CHRISTOPHER HAS JEALOUSLY GUARDED WHILE HE WAS IN OFFICE.
WE ARE OLD FRIENDS SO WE ALWAYS HAVE A LOT TO GOSSIP ABOUT.
COMMISSIONER SOAMES:

WE HAVE HAD A TALK ABOUT HOW FAR WE HAVE TRAVELLED IN TERMS
OF US-EEC RELATIONS IN THE LAST 4 YEARS. FOUR YEARS IS
NOT VERY LONG IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF HISTORY, BUT THIS NEW
ANIMAL OF THE COMMUNITY - THE ENLARGED COMMUNITY - THAT WAS
PARACHUTED INTO THE WORLD ON THE FIRST OF JANUARY 1973
NOW HAS A PERSONALITY IN THE WORLD AND HAS A CONTRIBUTION TO
MAKE - IS MAKING SOME CONTRIBUTION. AND THE IMPORTANT THING
IS THAT RIGHT AT THE TOP OF THE LIST OF PRIORITIES ALL THE
WAY ALONG HAS BEEN THE RELATIONSHIP WHICH THE COMMUNITY COULD
HAVE WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE WAYS IN WHICH WE COULD
BOTH HELP EACH OTHER IN ENSURING THE FUTURE OF THOSE THINGS
THAT WE HOLD DEAR IN LIFE. THERE IS A LOT YET TO DO BUT I
THINK THAT WHEN WE LOOK BACK AT WHAT THE RELATIONSHIP WAS
IN '73 AND THE ANXIETIES THAT WERE EXISTING IN '73 OR WHAT
IT COULD BECOME, THAT FOUR YEARS LATER WE CAN LOOK BACK WITH
SOME SATISFACTION, REALIZING THAT THERE IS, OF COURSE, AS ALWAYS,
A HELL OF A LOT STILL TO BE DONE.

THE SECRETARY:
THIS IS WHY I NEVER APPEAR WITH A GRADUATE OF THE BRITISH
EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, THEY ARE SO MUCH MORE ELOQUENT THAN WE
ARE.

COMMISSIONER SOAMES:
AND TALK SO MUCH LONGER. (LAUGHTER)

THE SECRETARY:
BUT SAY MORE. (LAUGHTER)
(COMMISSIONER SOAMES DEPARTS).

QUESTION:
SIR, DO YOU SPEND MORE TIME TALKING ABOUT THE PAST OR THE
FUTURE WHEN YOU MEET AN OLD FRIEND LIKE SIR CHRISTOPHER?

THE SECRETARY:
WELL WE TALKED ABOUT THE PAST AND ABOUT - YOU KNOW WE ARE NOT
IMMEDIATELY INVOLVED IN THE FUTURE - SO WE DISCUSSED
FUTURE EVENTS, BUT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF PEOPLE WHO
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WILL SOON BE INFALLIBLE. (LAUGHTER)
NICE TO SEE YOU.
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